

PATENT APPLICAITON

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Applicant: Terri Pickering

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For: "A NOVEL SMOOTH BACKED PIERCED EARRING"

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention listed above, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

_____ was filed on _____ as United States Application Number _____ of PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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(Number)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)

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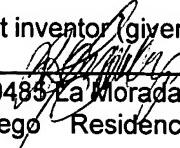
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issued thereon.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR §1.9 (f) and §1.27 (b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

- the utility patent application specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
- the design patent application specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
- the plant patent application specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
- the provisional application identified above.
- the patent identified above.

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Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention is listed below:

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